

LEAD CERTIFICATION



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APPLIES TO CONTRACTORS ONLY

Lead exposure

About 310,000 U.S. children ages 1 to 5 have elevated blood lead levels, which can accumulate over months and years and cause serious health problems.

Effects on children

- Kids absorb up to 70 percent of lead, adults about 20 percent
- Often undetected; no obvious symptoms
- Can lead to learning disabilities, behavioral problems, malformed bones, slow growth
- Very high levels can cause seizures, coma, death

Sources

- Lead-based paint, contaminated dust in homes built before 1978
- Drinking water from lead pipes
- Contaminated food
- Soil (lead does not biodegrade, decay)
- Toys*

What parents can do

- Have child screened if there is concern of lead exposure
- Frequently wash child's hands, toys, pacifiers
- Only use cold tap water for drinking, cooking
- Test paint, dust in home if it was built before 1978

*Old toys with lead paint a known risk, but new toys from China now have come under scrutiny
Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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- Issuance of permits by the Maple Grove Building Department will be guided by statute
- Contractors desiring to do work on pre-'78 homes must have the appropriate lead certifications
- Company offering services must have "firm certification".
- The method of validation of certification will be the US Environmental Protection Agency Web Site. http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_firm.htm
- If your name is not on the web site list, you will not get a permit, no exceptions!
- If you believe your project qualifies for an exemption under the Federal Code of Regulations, it is your responsibility to provide the text of the regulation and show that the work meets the requirements of the text (photos, drawings, text). The submittal must be in writing and will be subject to review prior to permit issuance.
- Note: The federal lead certification law went into effect on April 22, 2010.

